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ARGIROCASTRO CAPTURED BY GREEKS

Italy's Shuffling Of Commanders Hits Navy

Admiral Cavagnari Resigns; Two Generals Are Killed In Plane Crash

ROME—(P)—Italy's overhauling of her topmost command spread to the navy Sunday when its chief of staff joined two of the army's highest officers on the retired list. It was also disclosed that an unexplained air crash had killed at least two more Italian generals.

Resigned was Admiral Domenico Cavagnari, navy chief of staff who also was undersecretary of the navy—(Premier Mussolini himself holds the naval portfolio)—and had been regarded as high in Il Duce's confidence.

Those killed were Generals Pietro Pintor and Aldo Pellegrini, the latter of the air force and both members of the Italian-French armistice commission.

Killed Saturday
A communique named only the two generals but said all aboard the military plane, including "some members" of the commission—apparently besides Pintor and Pellegrini—were killed Saturday on a flight from Rome to Turin, Italy's northern industrial center.

General Pintor, 60, was president of the armistice commission. General Pellegrini, 52, was a flier in the late Marshal Italo Balbo's goodwill flight to Chicago in 1933 and headed the office of air traffic and civil aviation in the air ministry at the time of his death.

Second Crash Toll
(This was the second time air crashes have taken a toll of armistice commission officers and the second time they have taken the lives of high Italian officers.)

Balbo died last June 29 when the plane he was flying over Tobruk, Libya, crashed. Italians said he was shot down by a British warplane but the British denied this and other sources said his death was a mystery that might never be explained.

Last October 10 three French and four German officers, members of the French-German armistice commission, and six German soldiers were killed when their plane fell into the Mediterranean in a severe storm when they were flying from North Africa to France. No names of the victims were announced.

Within three days now, all Italy's fighting services except the air force have changed leaders. Since the start of the Greek invasion—admittedly still in reverse—there have been four major shifts, two in the top command and two on the front.

Oh, such villainy! We order hang our heads with shame! And maybe we will if we can just stop laughing.

EVERYONE EXCEPT the Dogpatch Daily knew that the bond election for Cameron County Road District No. 1 was in the bag. Its boundaries were set to assure success of the election. And up here in our "den of iniquity" we didn't have the slightest idea that the counsel we offered Saturday would change a single vote.

But we did want to go on record for what we believe to be in the best interest of the people of Cameron County.

And that's what the Dogpatch Daily can't understand. After 49 years of fence-straddling and bandwagon jumping, they can't believe that anyone would make a sincere observation on a public issue until after the votes were counted.

But we are just foolish enough to say what we really believe, win, lose or draw.

MAYBE WE'RE ALL WET. Maybe we should reform. Maybe we should be more eager to jump in and champion industrial and investment promotions like a midget car factory or something.

But we are probably beyond redemption as an editor and the Star may be beyond redemption as a newspaper. It probably will have to struggle along and do the best it can under its reputation of having more readers, more advertisers, more news, more features and more public confidence than any other newspaper in the Valley.

Maybe we should repent and join forces with those who sing the Dogpatch Daily's Stein song: "Sumpin fer Nuthin."

Nobody has ever dedicated a song to the Star, but if they ever do, we hope it will be "Semper Fidelis."

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London Quiet Broken Sunday

NAZI ATTACK IS SURPRISE FOR BRITISH

Bombs Drop Before Sirens Sound

LONDON—(Monday)—(P)—A violent 9-hour overnight German air assault ended early Monday as fog closed in to cover the new gaping wounds of the great city.

Londoners, who had 44 hours of quiet shattered by mass bombing that started early Sunday night, resumed the tragic toll of dead and wounded, smashed homes, shops and hospitals.

The thunder of anti-aircraft guns died down as rescue workers labored in the debris. The Germans worked with their customary trappings—first flares, then fire bombs, then high explosives.

Surprise Attack
(Berlin sources said many German bombers set out for London soon after nightfall and glided with motors silenced to take the capital by surprise. They said the bombers arrived over the city before sirens could be sounded and the first warning of attack came when flares were dropped.)

The British Press Association said "bombs crashed on a number of districts in and around London."

Both residences and business houses were demolished in the already bomb-scarred capital.

Nurses' Home Hit
The nurses' home of a children's hospital was hit by a time bomb, the British reported, but there was no casualties.

It was believed that casualties

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Harlingen Turns On 2800 Bulbs For Its Christmas Lighting

HARLINGEN—The blinking blue star atop the water tower to the south, and flashes of color from 2,800 light bulbs in scores of evergreen streamers over this city's streets and on her buildings Monday night, will join the "Peace" sign, which has glowed all year from the Valley's tallest building, to herald the Yule season in Harlingen.

As workmen complete the downtown lighting program Monday night, residents will be digging out home lighting materials in preparation for this aspect of the Christmas season which will bring \$45 in prizes to the most original.

Larger crowds Sunday inspected windows downtown with an eye to gift needs, and a number of out-of-state auto license plates attested to the cosmopolitan character of shoppers who are expected to make the 1940 season here the best in years.

Virgin Islands May Be Refugees Haven

WASHINGTON—(P)—A proposal to offer the Virgin Islands as a haven for financially-independent European political refugees is under consideration, it was learned Sunday, by the state, justice, and interior departments.

Representatives of the departments held daily conferences last week on the diplomatic, legal and economic questions which would be involved in such action, and asked advice from a number of private citizens interested in refugee problems. It is understood that no decision has been reached.

Solon Would Cancel British Debt To US

WASHINGTON—(P)—Senator Thomas (D-Utah) proposed Sunday that the United States cancel Great Britain's \$5,000,000,000 war debt in return for temporary control over some of Britain's possessions in the western hemisphere.

His suggestion was made while other senators were insisting that the United States require adequate collateral from Britain for any future loans or credits that might be extended to her.

Donate Ambulances

NEW YORK—(P)—The British-American Ambulance Corps gave 25 American ambulances Sunday to Greece. They had been donated originally for shipment to England.

Human Icicle Rescued

Unemployed Sausage Stuffer Stands In Lake 17 Hours; Feet Suffer Most

CHICAGO—(P)—Three policemen said Sunday they had rescued a "Human Icicle" from Lake Michigan.

It was a 62-year-old man who had stood in the frigid water for more than 17 hours, they said, and was too numb to cry out and covered with so much frozen spray that he could not move.

Policemen Thomas Mullarkey, Dan Golden and John Connelly related that they had grumbled something about another "wild goose chase" as they drove to the lake front at 49th street Saturday to "investigate something in the water."

"I thought at first it was a snow man," said Mullarkey. "It was frozen stiff as a board, and there were icicles—I'm not exaggerating now—icicles two inches long hanging from its spectacles."

The police formed a human chain and dragged the object from the lake. Then they dashed for the Chicago Hospital, where "It" was thawed out.

"It" turned out to be Otto Kreiger, 62, an unemployed sausage stuffer. He was immediately dubbed "The Human Icicle" for although he suffered from exposure, his condition was so good that physicians permitted him to leave the hospital Sunday night. The only apparent ill effects, doctors said, were his feet, which were still tender and black and blue.

Mullarkey said Kreiger told him that he "just took a walk" and slipped into the water, up to his knees.

The point at which he was found was just off from some massive stone blocks with a vertical face and heavily coated with ice.

Kreiger said he tried to wade to a point where the rise was less sheer and slippery, but wherever he turned, the water deepened. He soon became numb and was unable to shout for help or even wave his arms which were frozen to his side.

"Two young fellows passed me Saturday morning," Kreiger told the police, "but they didn't say anything, and I couldn't."

He said he entered the lake at 6 p.m. Friday and was rescued at 11:20 a.m. Saturday.

Duesseldorf Blasted

German Industrial City Raided By British For 12 Hours; Brest Also Hit

LONDON—(P)—British fliers, who raided the industrial Rhineland city of Duesseldorf for 12 hours Wednesday night, roared back Saturday night, the air ministry said Sunday, and bombed blast furnaces, steel works, gas works, railway yards and the quays used by heavy shipping.

When the raiders had turned homeward, the ministry said, they could see far behind them a blaze which experienced crews declared was the worst they had seen in Germany since the RAF attacks began.

Brest, too, was given its worst pounding of the war, the air ministry news service declared. Incendiaries fell on infantry barracks and the buildings between them and the naval barracks, and high explosives rained down on the port which to old France had been an important naval base. The dry dock area was among the targets, the news service said, and a bomb hit a power station. There was an explosion when the station was hit, the service said, and the place looked like "a huge blacksmith's forge from which rose showers of what looked like metal mingled with the debris of shattered buildings."

The RAF also attacked Lorient, Antwerp, Dunkerque, Calais and Boulogne.

The air ministry communique on the Duesseldorf attack suggested the raid was just another one in a series

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River Patrol Captures Man

Three Escape In Rio Grande Gun Fight

MISSION—Three members of the Mission sub-station of the United States Immigration Border Patrol engaged in a brief gun fight with four men about 9 p.m. Sunday at a river crossing near Ojo de Agua south of Mission and captured one of them.

Fletcher Rawls, McAllen headquarters station chief, said the patrol was on duty at the crossing and watched the four leave the Mexican side. The current carried the boat about 200 yards downstream before it landed. Three of the men escaped into the brush as the patrolmen came upon them.

Augustin Espinoza, Reynosa, last to leave the boat, was captured after a brief struggle. Scout cars later searched the area but did not find the escaped trio. Their object in crossing the river was not learned.

NAZI VESSEL

IDARWALD IS SUNK AT SEA

Was Either Scuttled Or Torpedoed

HAVANA, Cuba—(P)—The blockade-running German freighter Idarwald was intercepted in the Caribbean Sea by a British cruiser Sunday and either scuttled by her crew or sunk by a torpedo.

While reports were in conflict, the Cuban navy department said the ship had been sunk by a torpedo.

The crew got away in their boats. Roosevelt Near Scene

The sinking occurred in waters in which President Roosevelt was sailing secretly on a United States cruiser.

How far Mr. Roosevelt's ship was from the scene of the torpedoing was not known here but he last was reported inspecting fishing grounds in the Caribbean and sailing for an undisclosed destination.

The attack on the Nazi ship which with another Nazi freighter, the Rhein, left Tampico, Mexico, in an attempt to run the blockade came well within the American neutrality zone.

The Cuban navy department and wireless stations in Cuba and the United States intercepted a brief message saying the Idarwald had been torpedoed and that her crew was abandoning her in a sinking condition.

Ship Sinks Quickly
The operator indicated he did not have time to say more because of the quickness of the sinking.

Then the radio went silent and there was no direct word but scarce-

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INDO-CHINESE RIFT REMAINS

No Settlement Seen In Thai Dispute

HANOI, French Indo-China—(P)—Admiral Jean Decoux, governor-general, held little hope of an imminent settlement of the border dispute with Thailand (Siam) in an interview granted Sunday night amid reports of mounting frontier hostilities.

"The French attitude remains unchanged and no new grounds for conversations are being sought, he said.

In this connection he added that "Indo-China has not received any Japanese demands regarding south Indo-China."

(A Domei, Japanese news agency, dispatch received from Hanoi in Hongkong said Thailand troops crossed the Cambodi frontier twice Sunday. Ground troops attacked a small village and Thai planes machine-gunned it. Simultaneously, the dispatch said, Thai bombers attacked Vientiane in Laos province.)

Greeks Take Strong Mountain Position

STRUGA, Yugoslavia (Near Yugoslav-Albanian Border)—(P)—Greek forces have captured strong Italian mountain positions near the village of Radokal, near the Yugoslav border, and have gained an opening to advance west through the Shkumbi river valley toward Elbasani, it was reported here Sunday night.

The Greeks were said to have suffered heavy losses.

They also were said to have cleared the way for an advance to the northeast to attack Lin, just across the Yugoslav border.

Detained



While Mrs. Elizabeth Deegan (above), an American embassy clerk in Paris, was reportedly held without explanation by German authorities, the U. S. State Department was awaiting further word from the embassy before deciding on whether to lodge a strong protest with the German government.

ARMS PLANT FUNDS TO BE SOUGHT SOON

400 Million To Be New Sum Asked

WASHINGTON—(P)—Funds for scores of additional munitions plants will be asked of Congress, defense officials reported Sunday, to assure an adequate supply, in event of war, of guns, shells, tanks and planes for land forces of four million men.

Possibly \$400,000,000 will be sought at the session opening next month to add to the more than \$800,000,000 already being expended for new munitions factories.

The new ordinance and expanded aircraft manufacturing facilities already undertaken are considered sufficient for 1,200,000 soldiers on a full "combat status," with partial provision for needs of two million.

The contemplated additional outlays were estimated to be required for all needs of an army of two

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Censors To Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda—(P)—Arrival of 150 more censors from England has swelled to 580 the total of censors operating in this British colony. They examine cargoes and mail passing through here en route to and from Europe.

ON TO ROME NEW WAR CRY FOR ATHENS

City Il Duce's Last Albanian Base

By MAX HARRELSON

ATHENS—(P)—Greek troops marched into Argirocastro, last Italian base on the Albanian frontier from which Italy intended to overrun Greece, it was officially announced Sunday.

The announced surrender of the ancient city set off tremendous victory celebrations throughout Greece. Thousands jammed the streets shouting and singing.

'On To Rome'
Premier General John Metaxas and high officers appeared at an open window of general staff headquarters here to wave to cheering the Greek army "On To Rome."

In one theatre showing a new revue lampooning the Italians, the play was interrupted while an actor announced the news. The audience cheered while the band swung into the national anthem.

The capture of Argirocastro removed the Italians' remaining airborne in southern Albania, and the Greeks said fierce Italian attempts to prevent huge military stores from falling into Greek hands were unsuccessful.

The nearest Italian air bases now are at Valona and Berat. The former is on the Adriatic coast up which the Greek army is advancing after the capture of Porto Edda, and the latter is not far inland and is a site of Albanian oil production.

Italians Still Retreat
The retreating Italians are being harassed by the Greek cavalry and bombed and machine-gunned by air-

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GERMANY GETS RUMANIAN OIL

3 Million Tons To Be Delivered

BUCHAREST—(P)—Rumania has promised to deliver 3,000,000 tons of oil to Germany in 1941, it was reported in official circles Sunday night.

That amount would be nearly twice as much as the total exported this year and twice as much as sold to the Reich in 1936, when exports were at their peak.

In order to move this unprecedented amount for the use of German ships, submarines and factories, work already has begun on a 75-mile pipeline to the Danube port of Giurgiu and a 300-mile pipeline from the oil fields to the Danube port of Moldova Noua.

Establishment of a secondary loading port at Moldova Noua will eliminate the necessity of sending tankers through the treacherous Iron Gate, Danube bottle neck.

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'ON TO ROME' IS WAR CRY FOR ATHENS

Argirocastro Taken By Greeks

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planes, latest reports from the front said.

Generalissimo Alexander Papagos, congratulated by Premier General Metaxas, thanked the premier and issued a general order congratulating the units which occupied Argirocastro.

Church bells pealed throughout Athens to celebrate capture of the last of Italy's invasion bases on the Albanian frontier. It signaled that two days of mopping up around the mountain-fringed town had been completed.

3-Day Celebration

Three days of celebration were ordered to mark this major success. It meant that the entire Italian line in the frontier region had collapsed. Jubilant crowds poured into the streets of this consoling capital.

The government spokesman said: "Greek troops occupied Argirocastro at 12:15 p.m. (4:15 a.m., CST). It is an important victory."

"Very large quantities of materials and many prisoners were taken. They are uncounted yet."

The premier (General John Metaxas) has been able to communicate by telephone with the commanding officer of the forces which occupied Argirocastro and has congratulated him.

"As for the rest there is nothing important to announce."

"After the occupation of Delvino (announced Saturday night), the enemy fled northwest, pursued by our troops which had been able to capture important quantities of material which was put to use immediately—this despite the enemy's efforts to destroy it."

"Other villages and divisions (areas) were taken by our troops."

Front dispatches and a communiqué of the British Royal Air Force, which is an integral factor in the Greek advance into Albania, pictured a general withdrawal of Italian forces under aerial bombardment of die-hard resistance by rear-guard outposts, of roads jammed with refugees fleeing toward Tirana, Albanian capital, and of Italian prisoners streaming past the advancing Greeks as they sloped over mountain roads through rain and snow.

The RAF announced that two days ago Greek naval units captured an Italian destroyer already badly damaged by British bombs, when they occupied Porto Edda, 15 miles southwest of Argirocastro.

Italy's fighting retreat pivoted on Klisura Pass, on the road between Premet and Tepelini, where the Greeks had settled down, trying to blast their foe out of dominant positions.

Front dispatches said that a hurried Italian retreat continued both north of Porto Edda, along the coast, and west of Premet, deeper inland in the central sector, where counter-attacking Greeks had driven more than 20 miles through the Italian lines.

ARMS PLANT SUM WILL BE SOUGHT

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million, plus "critical" munitions for a second two million.

Under existing plans, many of the proposed new plants would require idle much of the time, like Great Britain's "shadow factories" before the European war. A high ranking official termed such an arrangement "cheap national insurance."

In working out prospective requirements for a full dress war, he said, allowance was made for new production facilities developed in industry by Britain's orders for war supplies in this country, as these would be available to the United States in wartime.

Meanwhile work is in full swing on a large proportion of 84 plants or special facilities of various kinds undertaken with the approximately \$800,000,000 Congress provided for the purpose last summer as a part of the emergency defense program. Contracts are being negotiated for virtually all those not actually under way, although sites of some have not yet been announced.

Senate Races

Candidates Report Their Expenses

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A total of \$479,937 was spent on their campaigns by 85 candidates for 35 Senate seats at stake in the recent election.

A survey of reports filed with Edwin S. Halsey, secretary of the Senate, shows the largest expenditure was that of Rep. Bruce Babbitt, New York Republican, whose unsuccessful campaign against Democratic Senator James M. Mead cost \$36,667. Mead reported he spent \$30,104.

Four senators reported they spent nothing to be re-elected—Johnson (R-Calif.), Andrews (D-Fla.), Bilbo (D-Miss) and Connally (D-Tex.).

Rubber Gloves Kill 400-Pound Porpoise

MARINELAND, Fla. —(AP)—Ichthyologists at the marine aquarium here Saturday placed rubber gloves on the list of forbidden objects for porpoises—one that ate one died.

The 400-pound porpoise died while preparations were being made to operate to remove the rubber glove snatched from the hands of a diver Friday by the hungry fish.

Backward Party Held

PORT ISABEL—Backward Party, which members of the Port Isabel high school, sophomore class came with clothing backwards, was staged here Friday night. Games and dancing filled out the evening.

'SOUTH OF SUEZ' TO BE AT ARCADIA



Brenda Marshall and George Brent share co-starring honors in the exciting story of the South African diamond mines "South of Suez" which is scheduled for showing Tuesday and Wednesday at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen. Featured roles in the film are played by Lee Patrick, Eric Blore, George Tobias and Mary Forbes.

FARM SET-UP FACING TEST

Federation Meet May Suggest Changes

BALTIMORE — (AP) — The New Deal farm program faces a critical examination this week at the hands of one of its staunchest supporters in the past—the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Suggestions for changes—some of which undoubtedly would be opposed by the administration—were offered as producers of farm products gathered for the Federation's 22nd annual convention opening Monday.

Perhaps the most far-reaching alteration was offered by the federation's veteran president, Edward A. O'Neal. He would resort to a system of high government loans to peg farm prices at more satisfactory levels.

"The present program," O'Neal asserted, "has not placed farmers on a basis of full income parity with non-farm groups. Consequently, many of us feel that the new congress convening next month should examine and possibly revise the program."

LONDON'S QUIET BROKEN BY NAZIS

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in general would not be high despite the heavy raid.

The technique of the Germans was mindful of the devastating bombing of Coventry a month ago.

An ambulance station and a Roman Catholic church were struck. Shops, homes and offices collapsed but the casualties were not heavy in first reports. Many injured by flying glass were treated at neighborhood first aid stations.

A number of persons were reported trapped in an air raid shelter east of London near the Thames river estuary when one bomb struck nearby.

A rectory and cottages were damaged in a raid on a southeast village.

Dallas Audit Due

Tax Office Charged With Misconduct

DALLAS—(AP)—The commissioners' court Saturday ordered a special audit of Dallas county's tax rolls and alleged official misconduct and gross mismanagement by Tax Assessor and Collector Ed Cobb.

By a three to one vote, the commissioners approved a resolution blaming Cobb with mailing out false delinquent tax statements and agreed to meet Monday to award a contract for the audit. The auditing firm will be instructed to take charge of all records, books, reports, accounts and documents in Cobb's possession.

Cobb said in a statement he would "welcome at any time such an audit."

Rumanian Veterans Clamoring For War

BUCHAREST, Rumania — (AP)—Thousands of war veterans paraded Sunday before General Ion Antonescu and their leader, General George Beglescu, told the chief of state that "war survivors are impatient to hear your order to shoulder rifles and reconstruct the old Rumanian frontiers."

"If some hostile event should occur to prevent Rumania from realizing this dream, we would with all Rumanian soldiers be turned to stone along the Danube river," General Beglescu said.

Anti-Aircraft Guns For Navy Are Asked

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Secretary Knox has asked Congress, which is learning Saturday, for authority to spend approximately \$300,000,000 for strengthening the anti-aircraft defenses of the Navy's fighting ships.

Airplane Ambulance Donation Is Planned

NEW YORK — (AP)—The British-American ambulance corps, which has devoted its efforts exclusively to supplying automobile ambulances to Britain, has announced a new objective—the sending of airplane ambulances to help rescue Royal Air Force fighters shot down in the English Channel.

SOLON FLAYS 'MA PERKINS'

Assails Her Stand On Immigration

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — (AP)—Representative James E. Vanzanti (R-Pa.) Sunday night assailed Secretary of Labor Perkins' immigration stand and promised to support "a million dollar appropriation for the Dies committee if that is necessary."

Vanzanti spoke at an Americanism rally sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"The Communists, Nazis, Fascists and others are in this country," the former national commander of the VFW, said. "They're bent upon destroying our democracy, and if Ma Perkins can't see the necessity for removing them from the United States, I hope the Dies committee will continue its revealing efforts... and remove Ma Perkins likewise."

BRITISH BOMBERS HIT DUESSELDORF

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to reduce the city of 500,000 population to worthlessness so far as its productive power goes.

Several airbases in Holland, Belgium and France were also bombed. The British lost four planes.

On the Mediterranean front, the news service said, British bombers destroyed at least eight planes on the ground at Castel Benito, near Tripoli, Saturday night, and set fire to hangars at the airport. Other planes were reported damaged by incendiary bombs and machine gun bullets. All British planes returned safely, it said.

Six Lives Saved

24-Hour Patrol On Holiday Works

AUSTIN — (AP)—"Visible control" of traffic on Thanksgiving No. 2, November 28, resulted in the saving of six lives, Homer Garrison, Jr., director of public safety, said.

The highway patrol operated that day on a 24-hour schedule which placed double and triple patrol on holiday travel lanes under the direction of Chief Hill Foreman.

State police statisticians estimated that on the basis of past years' experience eight persons were marked for death on November 28. To date only one fatal accident has been recorded for that date in which two persons were killed.

Poet Contest Winner

BELTON — (AP)—Miss Alice Charlotte Rilling of Brackenridge high school, San Antonio, won first place in the Texas high school poetry contest at Mary Hardin Baylor College, the judges announced.

French Spike Rumor Of Food Shortages

NEW YORK — (AP)—The French radio in Paris, in a broadcast heard in the United States by NBC, asked the "friends of France" not to believe that food conditions are so bad in France that some persons are starving.

"Food is scarce, it is true," the announcer said, "and therefore we have rationed some food stuffs. But there is enough to satisfy our needs as regarding necessities."

Mexican Ambassador To Return To U. S.

MEXICO CITY — (AP)—Dr. Francisco Castillo Najera, reappointed ambassador to the United States, plans to return to Washington by train Monday to "continue my efforts to reinforce the good relations between Mexico and the United States."

Taking the Laredo express at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Castillo Najera expected to arrive in Washington Thursday.

Swindling Is Charged British Oil Company

BUCHAREST, Rumania — (AP)—Proceedings were started Saturday against directors of the British-controlled Astra-Romano Oil Company charged with swindling the Rumanian government of 2,000,000 lei through drilling wells allegedly infringing on state property.

All but one of the directors are Englishmen. They have left Rumania.

HIDALGO WAR WORK STARTS

Red Cross To Enlist Volunteers

MISSION—Volunteer workers in four Hidalgo County communities will be enlisted in the Red Cross War Production program this week, it has been announced by Mrs. T. W. Mahone of McAllen and Mrs. Vernon B. Hill of Mission, in charge of the county program.

Work rooms are to be opened this week in Mission, McAllen, Donna and Edcouch under the supervision of a local chairman. In Mission, Mrs. J. H. Marcell is the chairman, representing the American Legion Auxiliary, local sponsors for the project. The workroom will be opened at Legion Hall.

Materials and equipment for making clothing for war sufferers have been furnished through the American Red Cross and include cotton and woolen yard goods and wool yarn for knitting. Sewing machines and other equipment have been provided. Arrangements will be made in some cases for the materials to be checked out where the volunteer workers prefer to sew at home.

A special bulletin was released this week to the local branches of the American Red Cross containing a summary of the war relief work. Volunteer workers throughout the nation have been carrying on the production work since September, 1939, although the Valley chapters have been called upon before this time. Surgical dressings and garments have been sent in great quantities to Great Britain and in lesser quantities to other countries not occupied by aggressors.

Connally Concur

Backs Troops Shift From Fort Sill

MARLIN — (AP)—Senator Tom Connally (D-Tex.) said Sunday he had telegraphed the secretary of war pledging support of a war department order transferring troops of the 45th division from Fort Sill, Okla., to Abilene, Tex.

The order, issued Friday, had brought protest from several Oklahoma congressmen. Connally said he wired Secretary of War Stimson that the department's "action in the interest of military efficiency as contrasted to political pressure from Oklahoma will be amply supported and maintained by those of us who know the wisdom and rectitude of your course."

Congressman Mike Monroney of Oklahoma said Saturday night he had been advised that the war department intended to maintain a garrison of "an average strength of 24,000 men at Fort Sill, despite the transfer."

Cotton States Okay '41 Marketing Plan

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Another year of marketing and production control over cotton was assured Sunday as returns from a grower referendum in 19 states piled up big pluralities for the Agriculture Department's quota system.

An incomplete count of Saturday's voting showed 761,117 for continuation of the cotton program and 61,408 against. The percentage approving it was 92.5.

Victory Bells Make Greeks Dive Below

SALONIKA, Greece — (AP)—A lot of Greeks were late Sunday night for the celebration which followed the official announcement of the fall of the Albanian city of Argirocastro.

Salonika had a taste of air raids last month, and so when the whistles and bells got going Sunday night hundreds of Greeks mistook the sounds for an alarm and dashed into cellars.

Vichy May Replace Minister To Mexico

MEXICO CITY — (AP)—Diplomatic sources reported Saturday night that Nazi pressure upon the Vichy government for more "sympathetic representation" in Mexico might lead to the forced retirement of French Minister Albert Bostard.

His Vichy-chosen successor would come with instructions, these sources said, to cooperate closely with the German and Italian legations here in pro-Axis, anti-British propaganda.

Sister Says Deegan Jailing Is Mistake

DALLAS — (AP)—Mrs. James Tuttle of Dallas, sister of Mrs. Elizabeth Deegan of the United States embassy in Paris, France, said she was sure "there has been a terrible mistake" in the detention of Mrs. Deegan by German authorities.

She expressed herself as shocked and surprised when informed of her sister's predicament.

Texas Fire Fighter Saves Michigan Oil

BAY CITY, Mich. — (AP)—Fire that blazed from the mouth of Michigan's deepest test oil well for nearly three days was extinguished by a crew led by Myron M. Kinley of Texas. Explosion of three quarts of nitroglycerine snuffed out the flames at the Bateson well in northern Bay county, which had been drilled to a depth of 7,776 feet.

Denton Debaters Win Trials At Millsaps

JACKSON, Miss. — (AP)—North Texas Teachers College, of Denton, Tex., won the men's finals of the seven-state Pi Kappa Delta warm-up debate tournament at Millsaps College here Saturday. Northeastern Oklahoma Teachers College placed first in the women's competition.

Today

BIRTHS

A son, weighing seven pounds, two ounces, born to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Day, Rio Hondo, Saturday at 3:01 at Valley Baptist Hospital.

A son, weighing five pounds nine ounces, born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winston, San Benito, Saturday at 5:50 p.m. at Valley Baptist Hospital.

A son, weighing six pounds seven ounces, born to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gregory, Santa Rosa, Sunday at 8:42 a.m., at Valley Baptist Hospital.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Juan Salazar and Juana Osuna, Weslaco; Maximiliano Juarez and Aurora Vega, Brownsville; Jack Cannon, San Benito, and Bette Marie Motz, Alamo, Col.; Higinio Molina and Juanita Loreda, La Feria; Loy Moore and Augusta Morales, Brownsville; James J. Williams and Billie Powell.

FUNERALS

CONDOR, R. E., 70, of McCook, died Friday at his home after brief illness. Formerly lived in Donna, where was one of first grocers and built and operated first motion picture theatre. Moved to McCook in 1930, where operated grocery store. Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Stotter chapel, with Rev. M. M. Moss of the First Christian Church officiating. Interment was in Donna cemetery. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Ross Harvey and Mrs. Laura Denham, both of McCook; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

WHAT TO DO

RADIO: Some of today's outstanding programs include: Burns and Allen, 6:30, WLW, 9:30, KPRC, WOAI, 10:15, KRGV, KPRC, WOAI, WLW.

SHOWS: Arcadia, Jeanette MacDonald, Nelson Eddy in "Bitter Sweet"; Rialto, Dennis Morgan in "River's End"; Strand, Deanna Durbin in "Spring Parade".

CLUBS: Optimist Club, 7:30 p.m. Reese-Wil-Mond Hotel.

No Impediment

Labor Pledges Won't Hamper Defense

WASHINGTON — (AP)—The defense commission made public Sunday night a statement by its labor policy advisory committee pledging labor "to take no action which may in any way impede production before all conciliation facilities of the federal government... have been exhausted."

The statement was adopted at a meeting of the committee, which includes six representatives of the AFL and four representatives of the Railroad Brotherhoods.

It said that "labor recognizes the importance of continuous production to meet defense needs."

GERMAN VESSEL SINKS AT SEA

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ly any doubt that the Idarwald actually had gone under.

The frantic message of the 5,033-ton Idarwald was the first reported from her since she slipped away from port.

"Being attacked by English warship off coast of Cuba... ship sinking south of Cuba... No time now... Leaving ship" the message said.

There still was no word of the Rhein, 6,031 tons.

The last message from her was reported shortly after she left Mexico, when she sent urgent calls to a station in Tampico. One operator also said he picked up a message from a unidentified station saying "Rhein being followed by warships" but nothing further was reported from her or about her.

Yugoslavs To Help Build 'New Order'

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — (AP)—Premier Dragisa Cvetkovic declared Saturday that Yugoslavia would cooperate in building a "new order" in Europe but that "you can be sure she never will permit to come into the question our security, independence and freedom."

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MUSICAL BOOKED 3 DAYS AT RIALTO



Above are Gene Autry and lovely Ann Miller in a scene from the hit musical "Melody Ranch" which is scheduled for showing Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Rialto Theatre in Harlingen. Inset shows Jimmy Durante who with George "Gabby" Hayes and Radio's Vera Vague (Barbara Allen) supply the lighter moments and comedy of the film.

Casts And Forecasts

By JACK KING

EXCITING DRAMA, mystery and adventure are in store for theatre-goers when they see the new film "South of Suez" which comes to the screen of the Arcadia Theatre for showing Tuesday and Wednesday.

Set against the mysterious and adventurous background of the great South African diamond mines "South of Suez" co-stars handsome George Brent and lovely Brenda Marshall, and features newcomer George Tobias, James Stephenson, Eric Blore, Miles Mander, Lee Patrick and Mary Forbes.

ON THE SAME program with "South of Suez" are a number of outstanding short subjects including films of the final Southwest Conference game between S. M. U. and Rice last Saturday in Houston. Closely fought and delivering a tie in the conference championship the film gives the highlights of this thrilling game; John Nesbitt's return to the screen with another of his interesting and entertaining Passing Parade series presenting the powerful story of a vanishing tribe of Indians, the Seris, in "Utopia of Death"; another of the "Picture People" series with the stars at play and work, informally and formally caught by the roving cameraman, and to complete the program the latest Paramount News brings news pictures of the inauguration of the new Mexican president, Camacho, and his address, the International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago opens, Florida holding its Orange and Grapefruit Festival and the famed Army vs. Navy football game with all its color and thrills.

LAD RECOUNTS ROAD TRAGEDY

Family Drowned In Shallow Brook

RUTLAND, Vt. — (AP)—An eight-year-old boy—dazed and bewildered and suffering from exposure after wandering all night in the cold—told an incoherent story Sunday of his parents and younger brother drowned when their small truck swerved from the highway and plunged into a brook.

The youngster, Fred Rickett, Jr., his voice broken by sobbing, struggled to find words to tell what happened—how he was hurled from the truck as it dived into the water and how he landed on the bank of the stream.

Throughout the night he stumbled around seeking aid. At 5 a.m. he reached the home of Mrs. Helen Buxton—less than two miles from the scene of the accident. There he blurted out a description of the tragedy.

The bodies of the three victims—Fred Rickett, 57, a farmhand; his wife, Beatrice, 24, and their son, Charles T., all of Pawlet—were recovered in three feet of water.

Our word "mausoleum" is derived from the name of Mausolus, king of Caria, whose tomb was one of the wonders of the ancient world.

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WINDSORS TO SAIL MONDAY

Yacht To Arrive At Miami Tuesday

NASSAU, Bahamas — (AP)—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor will use the palatial ocean-going yacht Southern Cross, owned by Alexis Wenner-Gren, Swedish industrialist, for their trip to Miami Monday.

They will reach Miami Tuesday—the fourth anniversary of Edward's abdication from the English throne so that he might marry American born Wallis Warfield Simpson.

Use of the Southern Cross was accepted by Windsor to take the duchess to her homeland for a major dental operation because of a half-day delay in the sailing schedule of the S. S. Munargo, on which the party had booked passage.

The extra time was considered valuable, the duke's aides said, so the duchess could submit to the operation at a Miami Beach hospital and have time for partial recuperation before the royal party returns to Nassau Friday aboard the Munargo. The Southern Cross will remain in Miami for minor repairs.

Car Crashes Window At Anthony's Store

HARLINGEN—A car operated by Mrs. Mildred Ferry, 40, McAllen, crashed into a plate glass window at the C. R. Anthony Company store here Sunday after the car got out of control and jumped the curb.

None was injured. Police said the accident occurred as the driver attempted to park.

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'Invasion' Of Greece Blow To Italy's Navy

British Quick To Grasp Advantage; Results
May Have Great Effect On War Outcome

By EDWARD E. BOMAR

The "resignation" of Italy's naval chief of staff, following the shifts in the commands of the land forces, suggests inevitably that he may be a scapegoat for Fascist failures at sea.

Although the record of the Italian navy in this war has been no more glorious than that of the army, its current weakened state stems chiefly from the decision to undertake the ill-starred invasion of Greece, for which Premier Mussolini himself cannot escape primary responsibility.

The backing of that attempted blitzkrieg unleashed on Il Duce's sea forces and now personally upon the commander, Admiral Cavanari, a train of consequences which promise to have a decisive bearing on the outcome of the war.

Foremost of these was the British occupation of the Greek island of Crete, quickly converted into an advanced base from which to carry the war to Italy itself and to menace the lifeline of the Libyan army across the Mediterranean.

This base figured in the naval air attack on Taranto a month ago which London claimed resulted in disabling half of Italy's entire battle line.

From Crete a net is being drawn now by British sea power around the Dodecanese islands, the Italian advanced bases which served as springboards for air raids on Palestine and Egypt. With Greece an ally, British submarines and planes also are able now to harass the vital Italian sea routes across the Adriatic by which the Albanian army must be supplied.

Altogether, since the attack on Greece six weeks ago, the Italian navy has sustained such blows and has been forced into such a perilous strategic situation that it appears to be pretty well finished as an offensive threat.

Italy's challenge of Britain's sea power has been under formidable handicaps from the start. Italy has virtually no coal, no iron, and no oil—all primary requirements of navies.

The Fascist fleet's tendency to stick closely to its home bases could be due to the necessity to avoid the blockade of the British. Because of the British blockade, oil can not now be obtained by sea. By one estimate, recent overland shipments have amounted to only 30,000 tons a month out of a required 200,000 tons.

Beyond these deficiencies, a more basic handicap to Fascist successes was suggested privately by an American army officer who served for years as military attaché at Rome.

The primary explanation for the failures on land and sea, he asserted, was that the war was unpopular with the Italian people. "It was forced down their throats," he expressed it.

Man Found Dead

Donna Resident Had Heart Attack

DONNA—John Pickley, 60, missing from his home here since Friday afternoon, was found dead about 9:15 a. m. Sunday about two and one-half miles south of Donna on the Lake La Cruz road. He had suffered a heart attack, and was lying in the road about 100 yards from his car, when he was found by Constable Huey Todd and Fire Chief Bill Ledbetter.

Pickley left home Friday afternoon telling his wife he was going after some fish bait. When he failed to return a search for him was made. He had lived in Donna since 1910, farming for a number of years after he first moved to the Valley. In recent years he had operated a laundry. His wife and one sister, Mrs. Jennie Spurlock of Kingsville, survive him.

Funeral services are to be announced by the Stotler Mortuary.

Fort Sill Garrison Set At 24,000 Men

OKLAHOMA CITY —(P)—Congressman, Mike Monroney said Saturday night he had been advised that the War Department intends to maintain a garrison of "an average strength of 24,000 men" at Fort Sill, despite the transfer of the 45th division to Abilene, Texas.

Illinois Tops All Stock Show Entries

CHICAGO —(P)—Illinois exhibitors, with 45 championships and 156 firsts, topped all states represented at the International Live Stock and Grain and Hay Show which closed Saturday night. Other states and their championships included: Oklahoma 13, New Mexico 1.

MANY LOSE WEIGHT by NEW EASY PLAN—EAT CANDY EVERY DAY!

Many lose weight by the new easy plan. No exercise, no dieting, no fasting. Just eat candy every day! The new easy plan is a simple, safe, and effective way to lose weight. It is based on the fact that candy is a high-calorie food. By eating candy every day, you can keep your metabolism going and burn off the extra calories. The new easy plan is a simple, safe, and effective way to lose weight. It is based on the fact that candy is a high-calorie food. By eating candy every day, you can keep your metabolism going and burn off the extra calories.

TOMORROW: What the Valley might do to reduce accidents.

A recent survey indicates that but 25.6 per cent of persons employed in American industrial plants have the services of a full-time safety director.

Americans Are Thanked



The Duke of Windsor is shown here before the microphone in Massan as he broadcast throughout the United States, thanking Americans who have helped relieve war-time sufferings.

Memphis Motorists, Legislated Out Of Sounding Their Auto Horns, Get The Job Done With Whistles, Bells

By GLADWIN HILL
NEW YORK —(P)—Memphis, Tenn., and Flanagan, Ill., waged a titanic struggle of municipal mon-keyshines for the title of dizzy doings capital this week.

The Memphis city council, which in a classic outburst of absent-mindedness last winter routed a bus line over a non-existent street,

this time passed a law forbidding the blowing of automobile horns. That sounded like a good idea at the time—until they discovered that there were already laws requiring the blowing of automobile horns in certain situations.

To blow or not to blow? While the city council squirmed uneasily, the motorists took matters in their own hands. One used a whistle for a signal. And another navigated through traffic clanging a cowbell. In Flanagan the citizens voted enthusiastically to build a new high school, and authorized the purchase of the land.

Then when it came to voting the money for the whole project, they pulled a resounding NO!

But the municipalities had no monopoly on the dizzy doings—A truck loaded with 50 dozen eggs ran amuck in Richmond, Va., and crashed through a fence and smashed into a woodshed—without breaking an egg.

A train was stopped in Illinois so a woman could telephone home that she'd left the gas on. . . . And a New York firm tackled a sandwich so big that he dislocated his jaw.

Somebody returned a book 40 years overdue to the University of Texas library. . . . And Colgate University students discovered their new football manager had a name that reads the same backwards and forwards: Welles Sallow.

And a New York firm printed 4,000 calendars backwards. . . . so they can be read in the mirrors. . . in barber shops.

Nazis Execute Spy

BERLIN —(P)—Alexander Diamon, 66, a Hungarian citizen convicted of having for four years made journeys into Germany in the spy service of other, unstated lands, was executed Saturday.

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Mrs. Harry Smith, Navasota, Tex.
Next 20 Prizes (\$2.00 Each)
Mrs. Howard Anderson, Kenedy, Tex.
Mrs. O. O. Ashenbush, Box 7, Lorena, Tex.
Mrs. Eugene Bailey, 512 Oakdale, Longview, Tex.
Mrs. Minnie Biggs, Box 42, Lueders, Tex.
Mrs. L. N. Brashers, 522 N. Van Buren, San Angelo, Tex.
Mrs. Scottie Chambliss, 2580 Irving, Beaumont, Tex.
Miss JoAnn Garcia, 604 Ruiz St., St. Antonio, Tex.
Mrs. C. Harshaw, 709 N. 14th, Duncan, Okla.
Mrs. L. W. Hugenberg, 595 Cypress St., Abilene, Tex.
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Dealer's Prize (\$20.00)
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Modern Way Grocery, San Angelo, Tex.
Evans Grocery, Beaumont, Tex.
Piggly Wiggly, San Antonio, Tex.
Boiles Grocery, Duncan, Okla.
Brashers Grocery, Abilene, Tex.
Public Food Mart, Albuquerque, N. Mex.
Akers Grocery and Market, Denton, Tex.
Lone Star Super Store, Port Arthur, Tex.
Ellis Conner Grocery, Midland, Tex.
S. Midvett & M. Grocery, Carthage, Tex.
ABC Stores, Inc., Houston, Tex.
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SEAL MAY SET SALES RECORD

Trend Points To Big Texas Success

AUSTIN—If present trends are maintained through the annual Christmas Seal sale sponsored by the national and state tuberculosis associations, new records are likely to be set this year, according to H. A. Wroe, veteran Austin banker and treasurer of the Texas Tuberculosis Association since 1916.

First reports from national headquarters in New York after President Roosevelt opened the drive Nov. 25 state that receipts for the first several days registered a new high, and early reports from counties scattered over Texas reflect the same trend in the Lone Star state, Wroe said.

"Each year Texas has increased the amount of the Christmas Seal Sale in its fight against tuberculosis," Wroe stated, "and each year the death rate from this disease has shown an encouraging drop—a drop which meant last year that more than 250 persons escaped death in Texas from the white plague," he added.

Long Strides
Authorities in Texas and in the national organization expect the battle against tuberculosis and the constant drive to curb its spread to make long strides in 1941. The emphasis the government is placing on the examination of draftees for tuberculosis will make the public more conscious of the threat of the disease, and the generous financing of the association's educational and preventive program will continue to carry on with an expanded program, state headquarters here reports.

"With war in Europe and Asia and the American defense program, the program of the Texas and National Tuberculosis Associations are thrown in sharp relief against the headlines of battle," Dr. Z. T. Scott, managing director, points out quoting Louis Pasteur who said:

Two Laws Wrestle

"Two contrary laws seem to be wrestling with each other; the one law of blood and death over imagining new methods of destruction and forcing nations to constantly be ready for the battlefield—the other, a law of peace, work and health ever evolving new means of delivering man from the scourges which beset him. The one seeks violent conquest; the other, the relief of humanity. . . ."

You're In The Army Now — By Herc Ficklen



ORANGE NAVAL YARD EXPANDS

To Supervise Texas Ship Building

ORANGE —(P)—Designation of the Orange naval office to supervise all shipbuilding for the government in Texas was disclosed Sunday by Commander E. B. Perry, supervisor of shipbuilding here.

The naval office here has been expanded to include specialists in hull construction, marine engineering, civil engineering and accounting, and the personnel will be further enlarged to handle approval of plans and specifications, purchase orders, and construction, the commander said.

Build 12 Destroyers

He said that Consolidated Steel Corporation, Ltd., which has a contract for 12 destroyers at \$8,100,000 each, was active and would start work on the vessels as soon as enough buildings were constructed to permit the work to start.

"The past month has been one of preparing plans, assembling personnel and materials, and preparatory work in connection with the

Conference Drafts 'Model' State Laws

WASHINGTON—(P)—A committee of the federal-state law enforcement conference has drafted "model" state laws covering sabotage prevention, control of explosives, state home guard mobilization and protection of public properties.

The justice department said Friday the proposals would be sent to officials in each of the 43 states in which legislatures convene in January.

Work Well Started
Work on the \$5,000,000 shipyard is well started, and Perry indicated a naval housing program would soon begin. Housing facilities for civilian workmen also are under contract.

The commander said several small general utility boats had been built by Levingson Shipbuilding Company here and shipped to naval bases, and that a contract for a number of special type vessels was in progress at Seabrook, Texas.

KNIFE FIGHT INJURES ONE

5 Hurt In Head-On Car Collision

McALLEN — One man was in McAllen Municipal Hospital Sunday night with severe stab wounds and another was being held after a fight with knives at the edge of an orchard on Taylor Road, six miles north of U. S. 83, late Sunday afternoon.

Lupe Barbosa, employe of an orchard care firm at Mission, was the injured man. He was stabbed several times about the upper part of the body with a pruning knife, and there were two long slashes, one nearly eight inches long, across his upper left chest. While his condition was described as serious by physicians, he was expected to recover.

Three men were cut and bruised and two others were slightly cut in a head-on collision between their cars on U. S. 83 a half-mile west of San Juan Sunday afternoon. Drivers of both cars have been cited to appear in Justice of the Peace R. L. Savage's court in San Juan Monday. They were Max Sandoval of Edinburg and Anastacio Rosas of San Juan. Tony Hernandez of Edinburg was riding with Sandoval, while Eugenio Fonseca and Ventura Arizpe, both of Pharr, were passengers in the Rosas truck.

Investigating were State Highway Patrolman A. B. Nail, County Highway Patrolman Harris Cozby, Deputy Marshal Tom Mayfield of San Juan and City Marshal D. P. Wilson, of Pharr.

C. P. Porter of Alamo and Sgt. H. C. Proctor of the Mission Public Schools, driving on the outside lanes of the highway, managed to escape the careening vehicles by driving onto the highway shoulders. Neither was injured. Sandoval was headed east and the Rosas' pickup was moving west at the time of the crash.

Rivera Is Married

SAN FRANCISCO—(P)—Diego Rivera, Mexican muralist, and Frida Kahlo Rivera, his third wife, were remarried here Sunday.

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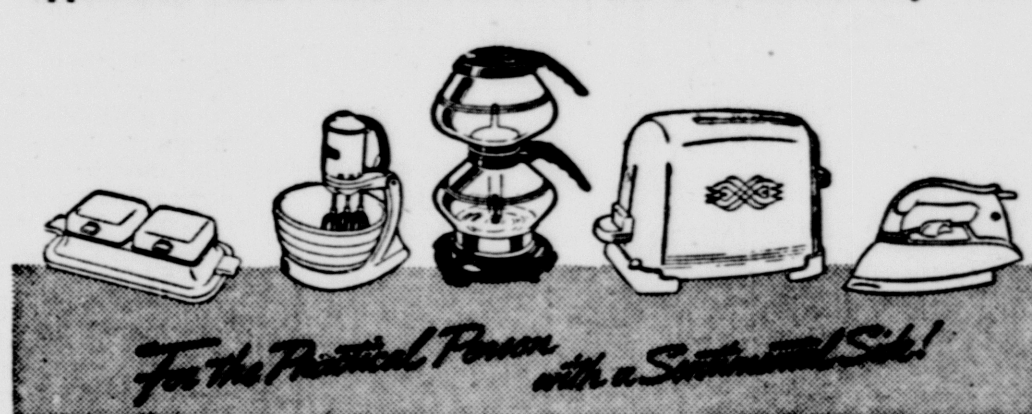


Men with Christmas on their minds .. please note!

SOMEWHERE on your Christmas list there is more than one woman who longs for an "extra hand" to help with the housework . . . and who knows the specific appliances she wants. Why not do a little sleuthing on the home ground and find out what those appliances are. Or come in and let us help you.

Modern electric servants are not expensive. In fact prices on many of them are below last Christmas. And good electric appliances, you know, do good work, day after day, year after year.

You want to keep your wife young. Your wife herself wants to stay young. Christmas is a good time to help her and we have the appliances. Come in and let's talk over sound values and easy terms.



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Fair Enough

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

NEW YORK—A dispatch from San Francisco quotes Senator Hiram Johnson as having said that "there is no doubt" that the United States will enter the war. The senator is right. The people voted on that question a few weeks ago, after a campaign in which both candidates spoke practically alike on the issue of war—an issue slightly disguised as full aid to Britain "short of war," and Mr. Willkie, at times, was forced to hop up his utterances lest his German ancestry be held against him. Both candidates hurled defiance at Adolf Hitler, and while it is true that some of the Willkie following hoped that he would be able to stand off actual participation or stand it off longer than President Roosevelt might, thus gaining time for rearmament, there was no substantial "outing for either hope. President Roosevelt was scolded for his belligerence, but did not take back, and finally won a popular victory over an opponent who differed on the issue only in the imagination of the people. Willkie's acceptance address should have dispelled all doubt, for in that portion of his speech which dealt with the war he was just as tough as Mr. Roosevelt and seemed to be pouring it on for the considered purpose of showing how tough he would be if he were president.

What else is the United States arming for but for war against the dictator who has openly proclaimed his hostility to the plutocratic nations and has attempted to encircle this one with powerful enemies of similar mind? Hitler was sighting down the barrel at this country in those expressions, and it would be foolish to hope that, having conquered Britain and finding the United States still incompletely armed and still inept in the use of the arms in hand, he would then make kindly overtures to a nation whose President was elected on the record which Mr. Roosevelt had established.

There is plenty in that record to date, including the sale of the destroyers to Britain, to provide Hitler with an excuse for war against the U. S. A., and it will be remembered that the American people not only gave that deal their enthusiastic endorsement but, by their vote, approved the method of it, which was questionable.

The little hitch over the matter of tick or credit for Britain in the purchase of war tools here will be settled without too much parley. Possibly, by haggling while there is still time, the British will be forced to let go Bermuda and some other toeholds in American waters, but one way or another, a nation so far committed as this one against such a dangerous enemy will find a way to furnish ships, engines, planes and other war material without any other limit than the American capacity to produce, minus home requirements.

No doubt these transactions will be called sales for book purposes, but past experience under more favorable conditions show the futility of hoping to collect. Even with victory, the British would be so badly broke and shot up at the end of this war that any settlement of debts by orthodox methods would be laughable. This means that, in the long run, the American people will pay for the material which Britain receives on credit, and there is no reason to think that Willkie would have done otherwise.

Participation might not include the presence of an expeditionary force. It will be remembered that both candidates told the people that they would not send troops to Europe, but there was a catch in that. The requirements don't include troops, and, anyway, the situation is so precarious that an American expedition might be caught in a defeated and hostile country.

If the British hadn't escaped at Dunquerque they would have found themselves attacked by their late friends, the French, after the surrender. But in a state of war this country would suspend temporarily, hoping to get it back some day, much of the freedom of our present state and go under discipline to produce results that are not being obtained now and cannot be obtained under our traditional system. Without state of war, everything lags.

The only man who has made a conspicuous appeal for a policy of impartial detachment is Colonel Lindbergh, who was howled down not only when he spoke but on election day when the people repudiated his optimistic belief that a victorious Axis would let this nation be.

Given a choice between two tough-talking candidates for president, they picked the one whose talk was slightly more belligerent and whose record even then was one of informal or disguised participation in the form of aid to Hitler's enemy.

Does Truth Always Help Happiness?

By ALBERT EDWARD WIGGAM, D. Sc.

Answer to Question No. 1

1. Yes, and this is precisely what we would expect unless men in general have lost their senses. A biologist had junior and senior college girls rated by several judges for beauty and found in later years that a distinctly higher proportion of those who had been rated high for beauty had got husbands—or husbands had got them, whichever way you wish to put it. This is one of the few studies that give real evidence that men tend to select wives for good looks rather than for money or brains or companionship or other factors.

Answer to Question No. 2

2. No, it would create family disruption, and community civil war before tomorrow morning. Imagine walking into your office and saying to the boss, "I've been pretending you are a decent sort, but the truth is you are a low down, ornery, black-belt scoundrel and everybody knows it" and suppose he should tell what he knows is the truth about you. The fact that we do not always tell the truth does not mean we are necessarily lying. In fact real lying begins when one whose facts either to injure someone else or to escape proper condemnation for your acts or gain an undeserved personal advantage,



AGE BEAUTIFUL WOMEN COLLEGE GRADUATES MORE LIKELY TO GET HUSBANDS AFTER GRADUATION THAN THE HOMEY ONES? YES NO

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DO EXTRA BRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS HAVE MORE COMMON SENSE THAN THE SLOWER MORE STEADY ONES? YES NO

Answer to Question No. 3

3. Yes, they have more. Physicists have devised all sorts of tests of both good judgment and mental and emotional steadiness and while there are exceptions, bright people make higher scores

The Lowdown

By Joseph Alsop and Robert Kintner

Spokes For Laval's Wheel

WASHINGTON—The appointment of Admiral William D. Leahy as American ambassador to France was only the first step in a strikingly interesting and significant new policy. The policy's object is to do everything possible to weaken the influence of Pierre Laval and the other pro-Nazi French leaders. Its execution will probably call for several far-reaching changes in the present relationship between the United States and the Vichy government.

For example, in order to encourage the spirit of independence in the French Mediterranean colonies, some form of economic aid may well be extended to them. The newly appointed counselor of the American embassy at Vichy, the able Robert D. Murphy, is expected to stop in French Africa on his way to his post. If the present plan is carried out, he will see Marshal Weygand, and discuss with him the colonies' economic needs and related questions.

Then, too, the Red Cross may soon be permitted to distribute limited relief in metropolitan France, if the British ministry of economic warfare can be brought to see the wisdom of the project. Milk for the French children and medical supplies for the sick are the two forms the relief is most likely to take. And again, the purpose will be encouragement of a spirit of independence among the French people.

The spirit of independence must be encouraged in France because, if it weakens, Vice Premier Pierre Laval will carry the day in the perpetual see-saw of influences within the Vichy government. If Laval wins, he will unquestionably embark on military collaboration with Nazi Germany, allowing the Axis powers to use the French Mediterranean colonies as bases, offering the French fleet to "protect" those bases, and otherwise fulfilling the terms of his abortive deal with Hitler of a month ago. Laval's failure at that time was what made possible a change in our relations with Vichy, by showing the President and his advisers that the Vichy regime was not wholly committed to Laval's program.

The new policy is really a three point plan: (1) To convince the French leaders and people they will sacrifice American friendship by succumbing to the German demand for military collaboration, but to assure them of our support if they continue to resist. (2) To give tangible evidence of our good will by relief distribution and in other ways. (3) To make it more difficult for Laval and his group to dispose of the colonies by strengthening the colonials and meeting the desires of their leader, Marshal Weygand, in every way open to us.

The first point is exceedingly important, since Laval, the shameless Georges Bonnet and others of the pro-Nazi crowd have done their best, both in speeches and newspaper articles, to spread the belief that the people of the United States understand and sympathize with France's acceptance of Hitler's "new order." Because the French now feel friendless and alone, they place a special value on American friendship. Within the circle of policy-makers at Washington, therefore, several have favored a public re-affirmation of this country's position.

For the present, however, less openly brusque methods are preferred. Secretary of State Cordell Hull has already sent Marshal Petain a private but remarkably firm statement of American policy, which the marshal received with such signs of astonishment that there can be little doubt he had been deceived by his colleagues. All the few available channels are being used to convey the same information to the French public. And when Admiral Leahy reaches his post, he has instructions to seize every opportunity to make our stand clear. Unless these representations seem successful, there will probably be no attempt to put the new policy's second point into practice, even if the British ministry of economic warfare consents to let relief ships bound for France pass the blockade. Point three will be acted on, however, no matter what the course of events may be in metropolitan France.

Although a departure from common American practice in international relations, the new policy is obviously soundly based. For Marshal Petain is generally admitted to have been moved by respect for French public opinion when he refused assent to Laval's deal with Hitler. And Laval is now using every resource at his command to sway public opinion to his side.

His resources are great, and his methods are fairly brutal. For instance, hardly a family in France does not have a father, a son or a brother in the German prison camps. Gradual release of these prisoners was arranged. Then, suddenly, orders were given to release no one. Equally suddenly, the evacuation of Lorraine was ordered, and trainloads of Lorrainers, driven from their homes by force, began to arrive in unoccupied France. There is little doubt here, so episodes were fixed up between Laval and Otto Abetz, the German ambassador-Gauleiter in Paris, with the purpose of giving Laval the credit of getting the two orders countermanded, which he quickly and dramatically did.

By such methods, Laval may perhaps succeed in the end. He would certainly succeed if the real prizes, the colonies, were within easy grasp. Fortunately, they are not. And if the new American policy is intelligently and consistently pursued, Laval's task will at least become far more difficult.

Here's How

By FRANK COLBY

SACRIFICE

Verb: To renounce. Noun: Something offered in sacrifice.

It is noted that sacrifice, the noun, is frequently mispronounced by the clergy, who rhyme the third syllable with hiss, miss, this, as "SAK-rub-fiss." As this is an important word in the parlance of the pulpit, I should like to point out that no dictionary among the many referred to sanctions the short "i" sound of fist in the third syllable.

Correct pronunciations: 1st choice, SAK-rub-fyss; 2nd choice, SAK-rub-fyz. (Capitals indicate syllables to be accented.)

Hollywood Gossip

By ROBIN COONS

HOLLYWOOD — He might be disqualified if it got down to cases, but our nomination for the actor longest in this picture business is Montagu Love.

Forty years ago this autumn in Portsmouth, England, his home town, Love sold an original drawing to a movie manager. He got one pound for it, and it was one of the first ever used for advertising and lobby display. If that counts as a movie debut of sorts, his service beats Jean Herscholt's (1906), Donald Crisp's (1910), and Jack Holt's (1913). Love's actual movie debut, as an actor after some amateur and professional stage work, came in 1914 and he has been at it ever since. He still does commercial art on the side, and recently sold a drawing of a fur trapper and a halfbreed for use in advertising "Hudson's Bay," the Muni film in which he plays the part of the early French-Canadian governor.

THERE'S a short on the screen called "Alice in Movieland." A critic's comment thereon: "It's meant to discourage screen-struck girls from coming to Hollywood. It will discourage everybody from coming to movie theaters." But the heroine, blonde Joan Leslie, is an attractive youngster—you'll see more of her in "High Sierra."

Speaking of the bright lad who posed the question: "If one Lane sister can keep thousands of people out of the theaters, how many people can three Lane sisters discourage?" He got his answer in "Four Daughters" and the sequel, in various of their solo flights. And he still is getting it in Rosemary's personal appearance trip.

EVER hear Harold Lloyd's nickname? It's tacked on to a dog in Lloyd's girl-guy-gob (whatever the title is now) picture. Origin: Harold as a boy had a pet mongrel, Bill. He used to call "Yah Bill, yah Bill!"

When Lloyd makes another picture starring himself, the girl will be Lucille Ball, who is going to be a busy girl in any case. Already they're planning to co-star her with Desi Arnaz in "Havana"—the plan having absolutely nothing to do, of course, with their romantic interest in each other.

Declaration of war: On those shorts starring dance band leaders and their bands. One of the recent headaches added injury to insult by basing its "plot" upon the romantic appeal exerted by the leader—which was the more fully, tittered throughout, painful because the audience, rightfully, tittered throughout.

Question: Will today's song lyrics sound as "corny" 20 years from now as some of the first World War songs do today? "Tin Pan Alley" raises the query—especially its revival of "America, I Live You," which is still a stirring, catchy tune. But oh—the lyric. Is America "just like a baby" to you, or you, or you? Shuddering shadow!

Emily Post Says-

The question of how a hostess can prevent a man who is her guest, from paying for incidental expenses, and at the same time, avoid his resentment is a problem that has naturally increased since the beginning of leap year. This letter is typical: "A girl friend and I have invited two boys to go with us to a dance to be given by our club. We are buying the tickets beforehand, but what can we do if after the dance some of our other friends suggest that the four of us join them and go to have a bite to eat on the way home? This is what we all usually do, and each boy always pays for his own girl friend. In our case, may we pay for the boys? They are really our guests but we think it might embarrass them to have us do this. But they have very little money and if they couldn't pay the check don't you think that would be worse? And so the question is, ought we to say that we don't want to go anywhere to have to eat? This wouldn't be true of course."

To this I would say that if these boys are not experienced in the ways of the world, they will certainly feel belittled by having you pay the check for them. But there are several things that you can do. First, follow the practice of older hostesses and ask one of the boys to be the banker for the evening. That is, when you start out, you hand him the four tickets to the dance, and at the same time hand him some money and say that your mother or your father (depending on which one it was) has given you this for the expenses of the evening. On the other hand, if by having something to eat you mean an ice cream soda or a "hot dog," the banker plan would be rather too important, since you might expect the boys to have this money with them. But even in this case, you might play safe and when the others suggest your going with them, you could ask your guests, "Do you want to go with them, or do you have to get home?" Then if the boys have no money this last suggestion gives them an excuse. In my answer, I have supposed that you do not know them well enough to be as frank as young people are under most circumstances, or you would not have asked the question.

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Believe It Or Not

By ROBIN COONS



Louisville, Ky. Soft-Ball Star

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Little David Slays His Last Tough Grid Giant

By FELIX R. MCKNIGHT
DALLAS —(P)—Li'l David is through felling giants—and it's a sad day for football.



DAVEY O'BRIEN

fillment. Simply, quietly—just as he took the nation's plaudits through five years of magnificent football playing, Davey is trading \$20,000 a year for an ambition.

The shy kid of 150 pounds is doing just that. He's only 22, but his decision came from the heart. Davey O'Brien is sincerity with a capital S.

Boosts Pro Game
"Professional football has been kind to me," he muses. "It was a great two years. The average layman has a clouded idea of professional football. It isn't a rough game for roughnecks. Gentlemen play that game. They are just like the boys I knew in college. Not much difference, at all—except, of course, it helps to know you are going to get a pay check on Monday night."

Just a few hours Davey O'Brien, the wonder boy who bowed out of professional football last Sunday by completing 33 passes of 60 thrown for an incredible record that may stand until it cracks of old age, will start training as a G-man.

For many years that has been the ambition of my life," says Davey.

Down The Sports Trail

By WHITNEY MARTIN
NEW YORK—A week-end on the sports trail.

Jack Sharkey says Joe Louis is slipping, which should be good news for the Baers and the Conns and the Comiskeyes and the Novas, although they aren't particularly interested in what happens to his feet. It's his hands they're worrying about. Sharkey noted a slight slowing down in the Bomber's reflexes in a workout for the Al McCoy bout, but he admitted Joe could slip all over the place and still beat the field by several lengths. He also said he felt that Louis is one of the greatest fighters of all time, and with the usual Sharkey modesty added that he, Jack Sharkey, in his prime, could have chased Joe out of town, meaning, undoubtedly, he'd give the fans a run for their money.

A player playing every minute of a regulation high school football game can expect a bump about every five minutes, a survey conducted by the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations discloses. The actual playing time is 10 minutes, the other 38 minutes being taken up by lining up, calling signals, etc., which takes a lot of the what-a-man out of those iron-man performances.

And speaking of iron men, consider Tom "Teddy Bear" Scarso, tackle on the Harvard College team of New Haven, Conn. Scarso, 198-pounder, just ended his three years of varsity competition in which he played 60 minutes of each of the 23 games his team played. And adding to his accomplishments, he is catcher on the Arnold baseball team. The iron man in the mask.

The A. A. U. after profound deliberation, finally decided that the gold Tommy Harmon received for appearing on a radio program wouldn't rub off on any of his fellow-players in the East-West Shrine game.

Under the unelastic A. A. U. rules Harmon is a pro. He admits it himself. His crime is virtually the same as that which brought an end to Babe Didrickson's career as an amateur, the only difference being that Babe didn't know anything much about automobiles when she permitted her name to be used in automobile advertisements, while Harmon is no tongue-tied Tommy before a mike. He is specializing in radio, plans to make it his life work.

The A. A. U. officials, always a target for mud balls, painted bulls-eyes right on their shirt fronts by even bringing the Harmon incident up, particularly when it involved the size of the gate at the charity game.

CHATHAM TO KNOXVILLE
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. —(P)—The Knoxville baseball club announced Saturday purchase of shortstop Buster Chatham from Fort Worth of the Texas League. Chatham formerly played for Atlanta.

Tennessee Is Best In Five Year Rating

Win Last 31 Regular Season Games

By HUGH S. FULLERTON, Jr.
NEW YORK —(P)—What any football coach can tell you—that consistently good teams are very rare and there's no accounting for their inconsistency—is reflected in the gridiron records of the "major" colleges over the last five years.

Leading the parade is the mighty Tennessee team, which hasn't lost a regular-season game in three years, meeting its only defeat in 32 starts in the Rose Bowl last January. But it took the Volunteers a long time to work up to that position.

Holy Cross Drops
A year ago, Holy Cross had the best five-year record, a winning average of .886. Now they're down in twelfth place at .773. Tennessee moved up from tenth place at .771 to first at .878.

During the five-year span which includes the past season, the Vols won 43 games, lost only six and tied three. But the main reason for improvement of their status is that their 1935 record of four wins and five losses has been dropped out and this year's ten straight victories substituted.

Santa Clara Second
Santa Clara moved into second place with 34 victories, five defeats and four ties for an .872 average.

Third ranking goes to Fordham, which was tied with Villanova for second place a year ago and thus earns the prize for consistency. The Rams, who took seven victories in eight starts this year, have a five-year record of 31 games won, five lost and five tied and a percentage of .861. That's just four points above their mark a year ago.

Duke Consistent
Duke's Blue Devils despite their loss of the Southern Conference championship, must be rated among the most consistent teams. They hold fourth place for the second straight year with an .851 average. Next, at .837, comes Alabama. Newcomers in 1939 class are Georgetown and Boston College.

Aggies Tenth
Other five-year rankings among the first fifty included:

Tenth place, Texas A. and M., with 43 won, 6 lost, and 3 tied, for a percentage of .783.
Eighteenth, Oklahoma, 30 won, 11 lost, 6 tied—732.
Twenty-first, Texas Tech, 37 won, 15 lost, 3 tied—712.
Forty-first, Tulsa, 27 won, 16 lost, 6 tied—628.
Forty-second, Southern Methodist, 30 won, 18 lost, 3 tied—625.
Forty-third, Baylor, 30 won, 18 lost, 2 tied—625.

Snead Threat To Ben Hogan
MIAMI, Fla. —(P)—Ben Hogan, the lapping little man from White Plains, N. Y., is heading down the end of the year's golfing gold trail with a nice lead over the rest of the field, but fairway fanciers hereabouts suspect he may strike a snag in the \$10,000 Miami Open tournament December 12-13.

The snag, they figure, may come in the person of one Samuel Jackson Snead, who has come to consider the \$2,500 Miami first-place check almost his personal property.

Snead has won the tournament twice in the last three years—with a record 13-under-par 267 in 1937 and with a 271 score last year. The situation is this:

Hogan has won \$9,655 in purse money this year. Snead is in third place with \$8,206, behind Jimmy Demaret's \$8,627.

A Snead victory, provided Hogan finished worse than fifth, might beat Ben not only out of the money winning title but might snatch the Vardon Memorial Trophy from him as well.

At the moment Hogan has 400 points on the trophy, emblematic of the highest degree of professional consistency, to 373 for Snead. Forty-five points go to the Miami Open winner.

All this is not to indicate the \$10,000 scramble is a two-man affair. The winner of every P.G.A.-sponsored tournament of the year has entered except National Open Champion Lawson Little, and there are a score of golfers in the field who might take away the top prize.

Baseball Meet
Majors Hold Session At Chicago

CHICAGO —(P)—Baseball's lobby sitters are on duty here again, after taking time out to swarm up from Atlanta where the minor league meetings closed Friday.

As far as could be determined there was no actual trading going on during the afternoon.

Besides the trading there will be a certain amount of business and legislative work for the magnates to handle. In fact it is the meetings of the National and American Leagues, opening Tuesday, that is the excuse for the gathering of managers, coaches, scouts and observers here.

One matter that will come before the meetings is setting up uniform rules covering players drafted into the army—how they should be carried on the rosters, whether purchase prices should be refunded, etc.

Another is whether to let scouts sign players as well as recommend them for more than one minor league club.

SMU Beats Owls; Notre Dame Wins



Bob Brumley, Edinburg boy playing fullback at Rice, voted the outstanding Southwest Conference back, is shown in photo as he broke over the SMU line in Rice's heart-breaking 7-6 loss to SMU. The Owls gave the Panies a thorough going over, but muffed too many scoring chances. In the lower photo Milt Piepul, Notre Dame fullback, is shown kicking a 25-yard field goal in the first quarter of the Irish win over Southern California. Hargrave (3) held the ball, which sailed over the finger tips of Trojans Joe Davis (36) and Ben Sohn (55) Notre Dame blockers shown include Saggau (34) and Juzwik (15).

Jeff Davis, Amarillo Rate As Likely Title Contenders

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
Associated Press Staff

Rugged Jeff Davis, famed for his "ice line," reared into the spotlight of Texas schoolboy football Sunday as the team most likely to meet Amarillo's mighty Sandies in the state finals.

Unbeaten and with goal line uncrossed, the Panthers Saturday

bounced into the favorite's of the lower bracket by smashing touchdown-down-mud Port Arthur 13-0 in the mud at Port Arthur.

This week Jeff Davis plays Corpus Christi which barely managed to eke out over Brackenridge of San Antonio, 14-13, in the first round.

Corpus Christi is undefeated and untied but it has its work cut out for it against the defensive wonders from Houston.

Amarillo, the tornado from the Panhandle, squares off against El Paso High with the Sandies overwhelming favorites to crush the Tigers but who are likely to cross the Amarillo goal line with their whirlwind passing attack, the likes of which Texas schoolboy football has seldom seen.

Masonic Home's Mighty Mites who met a tartar last week in revitalized Sunset and came through by the penetration route in a 7-7 tie, clash with undefeated, untied Paris.

Longview's Lobos, riding with the great Don Fambrough, tangle with Temple's comeback kids in the other quarter-final battle.

The schedule:
El Paso High at Amarillo, Saturday, 2:30 p.m.
Paris vs. Masonic Home at Fort Worth, Saturday, 2 p.m.
Longview at Temple, Friday, 2 p.m.

Corpus Christi vs. Jeff Davis at Houston, Saturday, 2:00 p.m.
It looks like Amarillo and Masonic Home and Longview, and Jeff Davis in next week's semi-finals.

Should that come about, Amarillo would have to play the Masons in Fort Worth because the teams last met at Amarillo in 1935. That was in the semi-finals when Amarillo won 3-0.

Jeff Davis and Longview never have played.

Except for Amarillo's 42-7 defeat of Wichita Falls and Jeff Davis' 13-0 win over Port Arthur, games last week were the closest on record for the bi-district round.

El Paso High won on penetrations in a 27-27 tie with Big Spring, Temple edged out Stephenville the same way in a 7-7 deadlock, Longview won over Lufkin, 19-12, Paris beat Greenville 7-6 and Corpus Christi and Masonic Home had the daylights scared out of them.

Only Amarillo, Paris and Corpus Christi are unbeaten and untied.

After the Alabama game, El Paso High won two Temple four.

Corpus Christi and Amarillo are the highest-scoring teams left in the race, each with 316 points.

Jeff Davis was the surprise team of last week. The Panthers were generally picked to lose to Port Arthur but the victory by Jeff Davis not only was the lone upset of the bi-district round but it branded the Panthers as much more than a team able to run up an amazing record against weak opposition.

While the team is stout on defense, it also has a hefty scoring punch when the chips are down. Boasting big tackles and ends and a versatile backfield, Davis looks like it might give Amarillo something to think about.

Amarillo, however, remains a long favorite to win the title and thus tie Waco's ancient record of four state championships.

Chicago Bears Take 73-0 Win Over Washington

By SID FEDER
WASHINGTON —(P)—Chicago's bruising Bears took candy from a baby Sunday in winning professional football's "World Series."

The big fellows from the Windy City had no more trouble than that in smashing all kinds of scoring and ground-gaining records to crush a completely outclassed tribe of Washington Redskins, 73 to 0, and take the championship of the National Professional Football League. It was the worst beating ever handed out in league history.

About the only thing the Redskins could smile about was that the crowd of 36,034 contributed to the biggest playoff melen the players ever have sliced. The net gate was \$102,280, of which the players pool amounted to \$54,562.80, with the Bears taking \$873.99 each and the Redskins \$806.25 each.

The Bears, beaten 7-3 last month by the Redskins, wasted no time Sunday. They scored on their second play from scrimmage. They scored the next two times they had their hands on the ball, and from there on it was simply a slaughter.

They eclipsed the old play-off record of 30 points the New York Giants piled up against the Bears of '34. Shattered the league's all-time high scoring mark of 64 points Philadelphia made against Cincinnati six years ago.

There was no particular standout among the Bears. Sid Luckman, the old Columbia quarterback, directed the team from the difficult "T" formation in smart style; Clyde Turner, the rugged center from Hardin-Simmons playing his first year in pro ball, spear-headed a line that never stopped. The ball-carrying backs—George McAfee, ex-Duke; Ray Nolting, from Cincinnati; Bill Osmanski, from Holy Cross, and Joe Maniaci, late of Fordham—made the Redskins look like papooses.

As far as the scoring was concerned—well, it had the "experts" in the press book writing with both hands trying to keep up.

The Bears rolled up only 17 first downs while the Redskins counted 18, but that was because the Bears scored in almost every way possible—passing, running, intercepting passes and what have you. The Chicago outfit gained 492 yards, 372 rushing, for a couple of new play-off records. The Redskins rushed forward a net of only three yards.

The Redskins made several threats but had the Bears in real trouble only once when Sammy Baugh-Charlie Malone pass reached the Chicago two, but Osmanski intercepted a pass there to end it.

So diversified was the Chicago attack, as Coach George Halas used every player on the bench, that Harry Clark was the only player scoring more than once. He counted two touchdowns.

Here is the Bears' score:
First period: Osmanski around his own left end 68 yards for a touchdown, with George Wilson blocking three men out at once to clear the way; Luckman hitting the middle for one foot, topping off an 80-yard drive; Maniaci sweeping his left side for 42 yards.

Second period: Luckman passing to End Ken Kavanaugh, former Louisiana State All-American, for 30 yards.
Third period: Third-string End Hampton Pool, from Stanfor, intercepting a pass into the flat on the Redskins 15 and scoring; Nolting running through a hole that looked as big as Broadway, for 23 yards; McAfee intercepting a pass on the Washington 35 and feinting his way past all the Redskins to score; Turner, intercepting a pass on the Washington 29 and plowing right through.

Fourth period: Clark circling his right end for 42 yards to tally; Gary Famiglietti hitting the middle for two, after Washington fumbled there; Clark cracking through from the one after an interception of a pass.

Auburn Winner Over Villanova 13 To 10
MONTGOMERY, Ala. —(P)—Auburn closed out its 1940 football season Saturday in a brilliant fourth-quarter spurt that lifted the Plainsmen from apparent defeat to a 13-to-10 victory over Villanova's Wildcats within five exciting minutes.

After the Alabama game, Villanova had a 0-10 deficit into a 13-to-10 victory favoring them, the Pennsylvanians struck back savagely, but were halted as Carl Happer intercepted a pass on the Auburn 5 and knocked out. A few moments later, Nick Basca, a truly great back Saturday, was injured, and when he left the game Villanova's chances went with him.

Norton Is Grateful
COLLEGE STATION —(P)—Coach Homer Norton expressed appreciation Sunday of Southern Methodist's waiving rights to the Cotton Bowl game and said his Texas Aggies would be out to establish precedent in testing Southwest football against the Fordham Rams New Year's Day.

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Tarleton Back In Organized Baseball
CHICAGO —(P)—Kenesaw M. Landis, commissioner of baseball, returned Saturday from the minor league meetings at Atlanta and said Bob Tarleton, barred from organized baseball a year ago, had been reinstated during the Atlanta sessions.

Commissioner Landis placed Tarleton, one-time director of minor league operations for the Chicago White Sox, on the ineligible list after an investigation which Landis said showed Tarleton had been a bookmaker as a minor league scout. Tarleton was business manager of Dallas in the Texas League in 1937 and 1938.

Matty Bell To Coach
SAN FRANCISCO —(P)—Matty Bell, Southern Methodist University football coach, Sunday accepted appointment as co-coach of the West's team for the annual East-West shrine benefit game here New Year's Day.

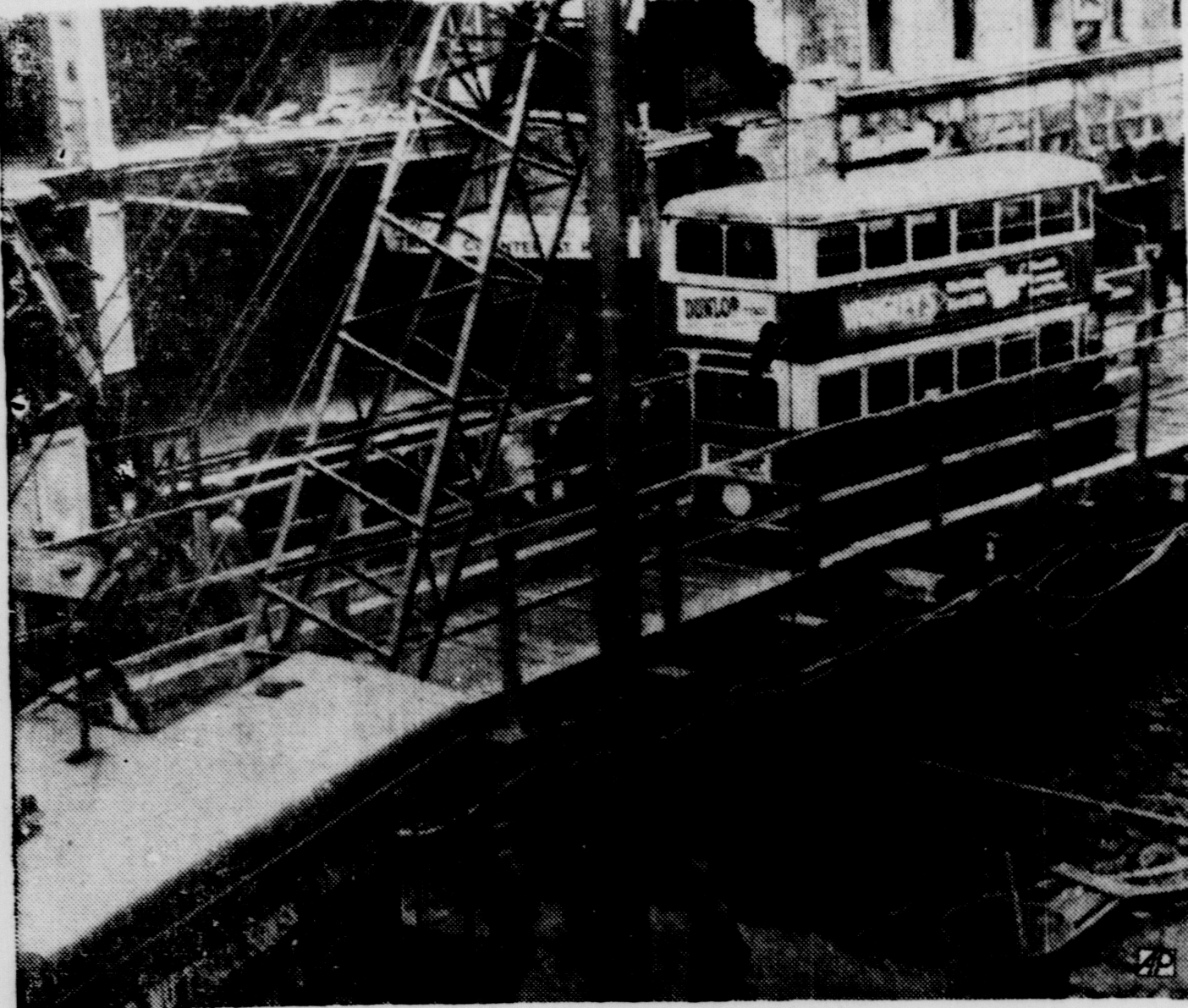
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Bridge Built Across Bomb Crater



A London bus is shown creeping toward a cautious crossing of a bridge erected over a bomb crater in a London street, one of several erected for such purposes by the Royal Engineers.

Italian Collapse Foreseen Soon By British Spokesman

LONDON—(AP)—British military circles, cautiously optimistic about the course the war is taking with Italy, expressed the opinion Sunday night that the unexpected changes in the Italian army and navy high command were "another sign" that Premier Mussolini was on the toughest spot in his career.

Some officers even went so far as to declare he was losing his grip "after two major political blunders"—his declaration of war against France and Britain last June and his Grecian adventure.

Both undertakings, these men said, apparently were started on the false assumption that victory would be cheap.

The surprising quality of Greek resistance, the British blockade and the "increasingly effective" British bombing, the officers said, have softened Italy to a dangerous degree.

Military experts not only put credence in reports reaching London of unrest and disorders in northern Italy but also said Sunday: "We have been expecting it."

They said British broadcasts and leaflets, plus reports trickling back from the front, have made it impossible for Mussolini to conceal the true state of affairs in Albania.

The fact that Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's army, poised for months for an attack on Egypt and the Suez Canal, is still waiting is regarded as another source of disquietude on the Italian home front.

Experts here are not brash enough to predict an immediate collapse, but they believe Italy is growing groggy and that unrest and disillusionment among the people will set in and grow apace; and that if more blows are struck against the Fascists, Italy will reach a point where collapse cannot be avoided.

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BRITISH SHIP LOSSES HIKED

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The increased submarine activity came since the Germans established themselves in the French ports of Lorient, Brest and Cherbourg and has bumped the weekly average for the war to 62,000 tons to date.

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James and Jacquelyn were born December 3, 1939. Franklin and Henry, born last November 6, 1940, day after the election, were named after the president and the vice-president.

Jones, 39, a WPA blacksmith, and his wife, 34, are the parents of seven other children.

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Little Theatre The Women Booked For December 9

EDINBURG—The Valley Little Theatre will present "The Women," a comedy drama, at the junior college auditorium here December 9. Arlen Kamlah and Shirley Fogelberg will be co-starred.

The story, from Clare Booth Luce's Broadway stage success of the same name, weaves the everyday experiences of women into an exciting drama amidst modern surroundings and a parade of fashions.

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Expansion Of US Industry Brewing For Total Defense

By FRANK MacMILLAN
NEW YORK—(AP)—When the Bethlehem Steel Corp. announced last week an \$18,000,000 plant expansion program embracing such basic steel materials as pig iron and coke it threw the spotlight onto plans involving hundreds of millions of dollars which must be spent in coming months to fit American industry for maximum defense production sometime in 1942.

Some of these plans are already in the contract stage, others are still guarded blue prints in the hands of

production men in hundreds of big plants throughout the country.

Expansion Significant
But the fact that the two largest makers of steel, the very sinews of war production, have now announced tonnage expansion appears particularly significant.

When the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Co., big U. S. Steel subsidiary at Birmingham, Ala., announced last month a building program there, it marked the first important addition to the basic steel producing capacity of the country since the boom years of the twenties.

Bethlehem Joins
Now Bethlehem, the second largest factor in the industry, with over \$1,000,000,000 of unfilled orders on its books, much of it for naval construction, has joined the parade.

"Iron Age," in a special survey of the industry this week, revealed plans now under way will add 1,500,000 tons to the open hearth steel capacity of the country, with corresponding increases in rolling and finishing capacities. Trade sources calculate present annual capacity at 80,000,000 tons, which might be pushed to 85,000,000 tons under pressure.

Shipbuilding Increase
In shipbuilding, too, the prospect for an increase in facilities grew as Great Britain announced a program of freighter construction in this country covering some 360 vessels.

While much of the work was to be pre-fabricated in inland plants, shipping men said additional yard facilities was certainly required, on both the east and west coasts.

Record Contracts
Final figures for November on engineering construction awards, which reflect currently principally factory construction, showed that work already in the contract phase is of record proportions, with plant building for defense still in its early stages.

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Initiation and advancement ceremonies were conducted at the high school Thursday night attended by 19 Cubs, 22 parents, several visitors and Boy Scouts Dick Welch and Ralph Titus. Three new Bobcats welcomed into the pack were Charles Richards, Harold Coleman and Bobby Gilbert.

In the advancement ceremony Bryan Finley won the Wolf Bronze and Wolf Gold Arrow; Kenneth Hill and Craig Zimmerman, Wolf Gold Arrow and Wolf Silver Arrow; Haskal Motheral and Sam Boswell, Wolf Gold Arrow; Jimmy War-maker, Bear Bronze and Billy Lamm, Bear Silver Arrow.

Ceremonies were conducted by Cub Master Lamm and Jesse Gardner Welch, assistant dan chief. New chief of Den One is Richard Preston and Bobby Dale Smith, assistant, and Donald Nicol is new assistant in Den Two.

Twenty-two members of the pack hiked to the bend of the resaca on the Rio Hondo road early Saturday morning. Before returning to town they cooked breakfast, had rope and fire building practice, fire safety and contests.

Mercedes Faculty's
Vacancy Is Filled

MERCEDES—Kenneth A. Zerker, who taught mechanical drawing and chemistry in the Mount Vernon, Texas school for the past six years, was elected to replace Beverly Caldwell, who was called into active military service, on the Mercedes high school faculty.

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Survey Of Water East Texas Seeking Fund Of \$5,000

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The action followed a meeting of the committee last week in Tyler, with representatives of large industrial concerns, and officials of the State Board of Water Engineers and the U. S. Geological Survey, at which the necessity for assembling accurate information as to water resources of the region was stressed as one of the most vital steps in industrial promotion.

Large industries, particularly the chemical and allied concerns, require enormous quantities of water of good quality, low in mineral content and at low temperatures, and they are unwilling to consider localities which do not have accurate information on water supply, not only at present but for the future, when they locate new plants, several experts told the committee. Included among the speakers were Dr. George H. Anderson, industrial director of Texas Power and Light Co., who has recently been on a contact trip visiting the DuPont and other large eastern industrial concerns; Julius D. Madaras of the Madaras Steel Corporation of Texas; Dr. Charles Carpenter, of Southland Paper Mills, Lufkin; C. S. Clark, of the Texas Board of Water Engineers; and W. N. White, of the U. S. Geological Survey.

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